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In re the Application of:

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A Computer Network

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Group Art Unit: 3621

Examiner: Daniel L. Greene

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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

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Sir:

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation allowance of the pending application. The examiner's statement of reasons for allowance cites specific features or combinations of features of various claims as supporting their respective allowability.

The allowance indicates that claims 1-27, 29-42, 44-46, and 48-56 are allowed. However, the examiner states that claims 1-27, 29-42, 44-46, and 48-56 are allowed and that claim 57 is dependent on claim 56 and is allowable for that reason.

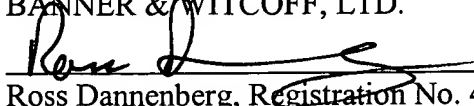
Applicant maintains that each independent claim is allowable based on one or more unique features recited therein, and do not believe the novel aspects of the claims to be so limited to the specific feature or combination of features as indicated in the examiner's statement of reasons for allowance.

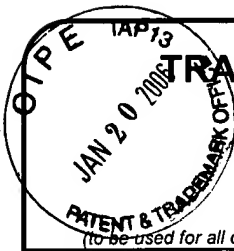
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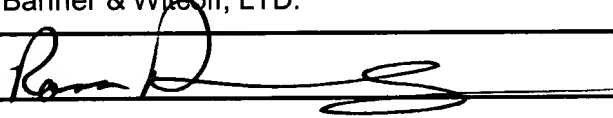
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